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SUBJECT: CALDERON DECLARED WINNER; AMLO TO CONTEST RESULTS

REF: A. MEXICO 3700

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Classified By: Ambassador Antonio O. Garza for reasons 1.4(B/D).

1. (C) Summary: On July 6, the Federal Electoral Institute's (IFE) district councils completed their retabulation of the votes cast in last Sunday's election. The official results show Calderon with 35.88% and Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador (AMLO) with 35.31%, a margin of 0.57%. We understand that the IFE General Council is to meet late July 6 to officially announce this result. Even before the final votes were retabulated, AMLO held a press conference to declare that he would contest the results before the Federal Electoral Tribunal (TEPJF) and called for his supporters to gather in Mexico City's central plaza on Saturday, July 8, for "an informational meeting."

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And the Results Are In....

2. (U) On July 6, the IFE's 300 district councils completed the process of retabulating the election results. The final results showed Calderon with 35.88% and AMLO with 35.31%, representing a slender 0.57% (236,000 vote) margin of victory. This final result differed by only 0.06% from the IFE's preliminary results (reftel), when adjusted for the approximately 2.5 million votes the counting of which was initially deferred due to inconsistencies. The IFE Governing Council was scheduled to meet late today to announce the final result. According to press reports, President Fox has decided to accede to an IFE request not to make a public statement on the final results.

AMLO Plans to Contest Election

3. (U) At 8:30 am local time, hours before the IFE finished the retabulation, AMLO held a news conference to announce that he did not accept the IFE's results and intended to contest them in the TEPJF. He implied that the principal basis of his complaint would be the failure of the 300 IFE district councils to order a vote-by-vote recount of every precinct. (Note: As noted in reftel, Mexican electoral law only permits vote-by-vote recounts when particular irregularities are identified; there does not appear to be any legal authority enabling the IFE to order a vote-by-vote recount absent such criteria. End note.) AMLO called the retabulation process "not transparent" and characterized IFE's decision not to permit a vote-by-vote recount as "not independent." When asked about Calderon's statement early this morning that it appeared the results of the retabulation would favor him, AMLO said it was too early for Calderon to proclaim victory. In a vague allegation of electoral misconduct on the part of the PAN, AMLO added "they know what they did."

4. (U) During his press conference, AMLO also announced that he was convoking his supporters to an "informational meeting" to be held at Mexico City's Zocalo on Saturday, July 8 at 5:00 pm. He said that he wanted to inform his supporters

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directly of the situation, adding that while he and his supporters would act "responsibly," they would defend the "popular will."

5. (SBU) A PRD contact told polooff that Saturday's event would not be a march or rally, but rather a meeting in which the candidate can brief his supporters on irregularities in the process and the reasons why he has chosen to contest the election before the TEPJF. Enumerating examples of irregularities, she said that in some precincts in the pro-Calderon state of Jalisco, PRD party representatives had been asked to leave voting stations before the vote count had been completed, and that during the retabulation process, some votes that previously had been counted as null votes in fact were plainly marked for AMLO.

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